

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
NOVEMBER 12th, 2018
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Councilmember Judy Taylor Foster

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

Councilmember Bruce Burt

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Clerk Lea Spell

City Attorney Nathan Lee (arrived 5:15 PM)

Police Chief Gray Couch

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson to adopt the agenda with the addition of approval of the October 15th Called Meeting Minutes. Motion was seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from October 8th, 2018. Vote was 4 ayes with Mayor Brening abstaining.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt to approve the minutes of the October 8th, 2018 Public Hearing. Vote was 4 ayes with Mayor Brening abstaining.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the minutes of the October 15th, 2018 Called Council Meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the October 2018 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Yvonne Atkins with the Manchester Women's Club appeared before the Mayor and Council to inform them of the upcoming 100th anniversary of the organization. She described various civic activities and projects the club had been involved with over the years. She explained that the club would now like to upgrade the Butterfly Garden at the Mill in commemoration of their 100th anniversary. She asked for the city's help and support in accomplishing this project. Also requested was a proclamation from the City proclaiming October 6th, 2019 as Manchester Woman's Club Day. The Mayor and Council agreed that the Club's requests would be accommodated.

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Meriwether County Animal Control Director, Shawn Downs, came before the council to offer further explanation of the TNR (Trap-Release-Neuter) program that the County has implemented. He explained the grant which had been received by the county for this purpose. He further explained the program would also involve all the municipalities in the county.

Fire Chief Roderick Jolivette was presented a certificate of completion for Emergency Medical Technician training. Chief Jolivette explained to the council that his goal was to get all of the department's firefighters EMT certified with little to no expense to the City.

City Attorney Nathan Lee administered the Firefighter's Oath to the Manchester Fire Department's newest full time employee, Rachel Midkiff.

A motion was made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to replace the existing Animal Control Ordinance with a new Chapter 4 entitled "Unified Animal Control and Regulation". Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Bruce Burt, seconded by Solomon Ferguson to approve the 2018 Employee Service Awards. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

A motion was made by Bruce Burt and seconded by Solomon Ferguson to accept the CAA Professional Services Agreement Amendment. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Travis Ferguson to accept the Independent Contractor Agreement with Aqua Dynamics, Inc. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the Ridge St Surplus Resolution and allow the City Manager to proceed with the transaction. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson brought before the council a request from the Community Action for Improvement (CAFI) to allow for the sublease of the building the organization leases from the City. Councilmember Ferguson further explained that funding for the organization had not been forthcoming for the upcoming year but some of the services provided by CAFI could be provided by another organization. By the city permitting the sublease, continuity of services would be ensured. A motion was made by Mayor Brening and seconded by Travis Ferguson to allow CAFI to sublease the building to an interim group. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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During the Mayor's comments, he offered thanks and appreciation to Gary Jones for all his hard work with the recent Veteran's Day parade.

He further mentioned the recreation department's youth football program's wins at the 10 and under Superbowl.

Lastly the Mayor recognized Manchester's newest business, Ogle's Trading Post, located at 320 W. Main St. The business specializes in the sale of firearms as well as gold and silver coins.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt at 6:27 PM to adjourn the meeting into executive session. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Bruce Burt at 6:38 PM to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening

